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In Re Application of:

POLO et al.

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Title: ENHANCEMENT OF THE IMMUNE RESPONSE FOR VACCINE
AND GENE THERAPY APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, making a response due on or before October 2, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 26 as follows:

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26. (Twice Amended) An expression cassette comprising a promoter operably linked to a nucleic acid molecule which, when transcribed *in vivo*, forms double stranded RNA that induces the production of interferon, and

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